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1. VICTOR VERES, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS INFORMED

US FEBRUARY 18 THAT GOP HAS RELIEVED HIM OF HIS POSITION AND HAS NAMED RETIRED AIR FORCE BRIGADEIRO ABLERTO MANEUL DA COSTA BASTOS AS REPLACEMENT. VERES IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT HIS FUTURE AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT GOP PROPOSES TO DO ABOUT PRESIDENCY OF EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON CIVIL AVIATION (ECAC) WHICH VERES PRESENTLY OCCUPIES.

2. BIO DATA ON COSTA BASTOS DOES NOT SHOW HIM TO BE ESPECIALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE DGCA POSITION OTHER THAN THE FACT HE WAS A PILOT AND A BASE COMMANDER. HE DID TRAIN IN FRANCE AND ON ONE OCCASION VISITED THE UNITED STATES. HE SPEAKS BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

3. COMMENT: VERES' POSITION HAS BEEN SHAKY SINCE THE REVOLUTION (SEE REF (A)). THE FACT HE HELD ON THIS LONG IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS. GOP'S CHOICE OF FORMER MILITARY MAN WITH LITTLE CIVIL AVIATION EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT IT IS MORE CONCERNED WITH RESTORING STABILITY TO A TROUBLED ORGANIZATION (AIR CONTROLLERS SLOWDOWN, FOR EXAMPLE--SEE REF (B)) -- IS STILL UNRESOLVED) THAN IT IS WITH EXPERTISE OR INTERNATIONAL STANDING.
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